

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE WATCHUNG MAYOR KEITH BALLA

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

Update - March 23, 2020

This letter contains updated information for our residents. This public health emergency is rapidly evolving and we want to ensure we provide our residents with timely and factual updates.

Sunday March 22, 2020 at 3:00pm, I participated on a conference call with the Governor's Office along with over 140 Mayors. The Governor's Office provided clarity on the Governor's Executive Orders issued on Saturday. Key points discussed were business and park closures to limit the spread of the virus by limiting close contact with others.

Our Watchung Community Emergency Response Team ("CERT") team, and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) have been collecting N95 Masks; Facial Guards; gloves, Tyvek Suits and Hospitals Masks which have all been in high demand. We appreciate your help in providing these items.

The Watchung Help Line 908-745-2111 is open for anyone who needs assistance in Watchung. Our help line has information to answer questions and provide referrals for the needs of our residents. Also please call your neighbors to say hello and see if any need assistance and let them know they are not alone.

We have closed the Phillips Field Complex and the playground at Mobus field along with the basketball courts and the tennis courts in response to protecting our residents and limit the community spread. The Gazebos at Phillips Field and Watchung Lake are also closed.

Regarding individuals who have tested positive to COVID-19, the county health departments conduct the investigation to determine any individuals who may have been in contact with the individuals and communicate directly with those individuals. When the persons live and work in different counties, our county

health departments' work in collaboration with other counties to follow the established protocols for individuals who were in contact.

I will provide updates as we are updated with new information or procedures.

Thank you for following the directives to best protect our residents. I appreciate your help and cooperation in maintaining a safe and healthy community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith S. Balla". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Keith S. Balla